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1 behavioral problems, but these problems are seldom identified
2 and the children rarely receive necessary services; and

3 WHEREAS, often these children and families qualify for
4 benefits, but receive them only on occasion; and

5 WHEREAS, being the child of an incarcerated parent is not
6 a crime, but these children are often left in a state of
7 neglect;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
10 department and the human services department be requested to
11 convene a task force to create an interdepartmental plan to
12 address the needs of children of incarcerated parents; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
14 representatives from the department of health, the state
15 department of public education and the corrections department
16 and representatives of the courts, public defenders, county
17 jails, law enforcement, district attorney offices and advocates
18 for children and families; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force develop a
20 system for identification of and an inventory of needs and
21 services and the barriers to accessing those services; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force develop a
23 coordinated system of evaluation and intake for all children of
24 incarcerated parents; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force develop an

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1 integrated plan of service delivery, budgeting, performance
2 measures and accountability; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report
4 progress and legislative recommendations to the interim
5 legislative health and human services committee no later than
6 its October 2003 meeting; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the children, youth and families department, the
9 human services department, the department of health, the state
10 department of public education, the corrections department and
11 to representatives of the courts, public defenders, county
12 jails, law enforcement agencies statewide, district attorney
13 offices, advocates for children and families, the interim
14 legislative health and human services committee and other
15 appropriate groups.

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